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2017 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 5

District 1 Commercial Period 2

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area
Fall Season Emergency Order # 5

The 2017 fall chum salmon preseason run projection is for a run size greater than 1.1 million fish. This level of abundance is typically sufficient to meet escapement and subsistence needs, and provide a surplus for commercial and personal use purposes. A mixture of both summer chum and fall chum salmon are currently entering the Yukon River. Commercial fishing in the lower river at this time will likely harvest a mixture of both stocks.

District 1 Commercial Fishing:

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 1, including the **Set Net Only Area**, on Thursday, July 20 from 3:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. Friday, July 21. This will be a 12-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size.

The sale of Chinook salmon is prohibited. Commercial gillnet fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon retained from commercial gillnet gear must be recorded on a fish ticket as retained but not sold.

District 1 Subsistence Fishing:

Subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with 7.5-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. In District 1, subsistence salmon fishing will close at 3:00 a.m. Thursday, July 20, and reopen at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 21. Fishermen may use 4-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets to target non-salmon species during subsistence salmon closures.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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